more than the targetted level of production of 13.30 million tonnes, production is expected to meet the requirement of the country.

(d) The per capita availability of pulses in the country in 1988 is provisionally estimated to be 33.2 grams per day as compared to 35.9 grams per day in 1987. However, with increased production in 1988-89, the per capita availability of pulses in the country in 1989 is expected to increase to about 40 grams per day.

(e) During 1988-89, the area under pulses cultivation was about 244 lakh hectares.

(f) and (g) The yield per hectare of pulses in the country had increased at the rate of 0.34 per cent per annum during the period 1967-68 to 1987-88.

Rehabilitation of Cured Leprosy Patients

@1187. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to implement some Integrated Development Programme to rehabilitate the cured leprosy patients in the country and if so, the details threof; and

(b) what steps are proposed to be taken in this regard and those already taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (DR. RAJENDRA KUMARI BAJPAI): (a) and (b) A Scheme for the Employment/Self-employment of Leprosy-Cured Persons has been finalised by the Ministry of Welfare. The Scheme envisages the training of leprosy cured persons who have been de-rehabilitated and suffer from deformities by giving them suitable vocational training, placement and loans for self-employment.

Presently grants are being given to Voluntary Organisations for vocational training and placement of leprosy cured persons under the Scheme of Assistance to Voluntary Organisations for Disabled Persons.

कच्चे लोहे का आयात

1188. **श्री सन्तोष बागड़ोदिया :** क्या **इस्पात और खान** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार कच्चे लोहे के आयात के लिये तत्काल कोई कदम उठा रही है, यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि इसके अभाव से फाउन्डरी उद्योग पर प्रतिकूल असर पड़ रहा है ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो सरकार फाउण्ड्री उद्योग को इस संकट से उबारने के लिये क्या कार्यवाही कर रही है ?

इस्पात और खान मंत्री (श्री माखनलाल फोतेदार): (क) से (ग) पिछले दिनो देश में कच्चे लोहे की आपूर्ति मांग को पूरा नहीं कर सकी । सरकार ने देश के भीतर कच्चे लोहे का उत्पादन बढ़ाने तथा घरेलू उपलब्धता बढ़ाने के लिये आयात करने के लिये प्रभावी कदम उठाये हैं । आयात को सरल बनाने के लिये सीमा-शुल्क में कुल 85% से 45% तक की कमी की गई है ।

राजस्थान में उत्पाद (ऋण) योजनाओं के अधीन लाभ प्राप्त किसान

1189. **श्री सन्तोष बागड़ोदिया :** क्या **कृषि** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि उन किसानों की संख्या क्या है जिन्हें उत्पाद (विपणन) ऋण योजना के अधीन ऋण दिया गया है और उन्हें कितनी धनराशि का ऋण दिया गया है ?

कृषि मंत्रालय में कृषि और सहकारिता विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री श्याम लाल यादव) : अभी तक राजस्थान में उत्पाद

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(विपणन) ऋण योजना के अन्तर्गत कोई ऋण नहीं दिया गया है ।

Allotment of wheat and rice for P.D.S. to Karnataka

1190. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the allotment of wheat and rice for Public Distribution through Fair Price Shops to Karnataka month-wise during the current year;

(b) the total quantity of rice and Wheat sought by the Karnataka month-wise;

(c) whether Government are aware of the fact that people have been put to great hardship due to cut in the allotment of Rice and Wheat; and

(d) whether Government propose to take any steps to supply sufficient quantities of rice and wheat to Karnataka every month for the Public Distribution System?

THE MINISER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) A Statement showing demand and allotment of wheat and rice under Public Distribution System in respect of Karnataka during the current year is attached. (See below)

(c) and (d) The allocation of wheat and rice for Public Distribution System from the Central Pool is only supplemental in nature. These allocations to various States/UTs., including Karnataka, are made on a month to month basis taking into account the overall availability of stocks in the Central Pool, market availability and other related factors.

Statement

(In tonnes)

Month	Demand		Allotment	
	Wheat	Rice	Wheat	Rice
January '89	25,000	75,000	15,000	50,000
February '89	25,000	75,000	15,750	40,000
March '89	25,000	75,000	15,750	40,000
April '89	25,000	75,000	15,000	40,000
May '89	25'000	75,000	15,000	40,000
June '89	25,000	75,000	15,000	40,000
July '89	25,000	75,000	15,000	40,000

Performance of Agro Service Centres

1191. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in its evaluation report of 1979 the Planning Commission had said that the scheme for establishment of Agro Service Centres launched by the Agriculture Ministry in 1971-72 had been implemented with half hearted approach;

(b) if so, what are the conditions and performance of the Agro Service Centres and their connected Agro Entrepreneurs; and